

- (b) if so, the reasons for delay in its completion;
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be completed and the estimated amount to be incurred thereon;
- (d) whether the Government are aware of the losses likely to be suffered due to its non-completion; and
- (e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b) The Kosi High Dam Project is proposed in Nepal territory and hence Nepal's cooperation in the project is essential. In the Indo-Nepal technical level meeting held in January, 1997 to discuss this project, it has been decided to take up detailed studies leading to preparation of Detailed Project Report jointly.

(c) Time frame for completion of the project and estimated cost would be known only when the detailed project report is prepared after investigations.

(d) and (e) The completion of the project would provide additional irrigation, power and flood control benefits to the terrai region of Bihar.

[English]

Closure of Banaras Hindu University

'3548. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Banaras Hindu University has been closed indefinitely;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any Committee had been set up to look into the reasons of violence in the University; and
- (d) if so, the findings of the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (d) Consequent upon the invalidation of the nomination of certain candidates for the BHU Students Union Election (on their being found ineligible on account of their past misconduct); there was an altercation between the students and the security staff and police personnel. This aggravated into large scale disturbances including arson and loss of life on the BHU campus and outside. In view of the deteriorating law and order situation and on the advice of the district administration, the University was closed sine die w.e.f. 21/2/1997.

A One Man Enquiry Committee headed by Shri Justice R.R. Rastogi, retired Judge of the Allahabad High Court has been appointed by the University to enquire into the violent incidents leading to the closure of the University and to suggest remedial measures to

prevent recurrence of such incidents in future. The work of the Committee is in progress.

Double/Multi Shift System in CGHS

3549. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Government propose to introduce double/multi shift system in C.G.H.S. dispensaries to ensure adequate medical services to time beneficiaries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which the revised time is likely to come into the effect; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (d) The 5th Central Pay Commission has given recommendations in this regard and the same are under examination.

River Valley Projects

3550. SHRI K. PRADHANI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

- (a) the number of the on-going River Valley projects in the country and the progress made so far, State-wise and Project-wise;
- (b) whether the Government propose to set up a monitoring cell to review the physical progress of these projects; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken to sustain the availability of resources for these projects?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) A statement giving details of ongoing Major and Medium Irrigation Projects in various States is enclosed.

(b) The Central Water Commission is already having a monitoring organisation which is monitoring most of the ongoing approved major projects and selected medium projects. Moreover the physical and financial progress of the projects are also reviewed at the time of Annual Plan discussions in the Planning Commission.

(c) Irrigation is a State subject and irrigation projects are planned, funded and implemented by the State Government from their own resources. The Central Assistance is released in the form of block loans and grants not tied to any sector or development and project. However, in order to provide Central Loan Assistance to the State Governments for early completion of irrigation projects, the Union Government has launched Rural Infrastructure Development Programme in 1995-96 and Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme in 1996-97.

Statement*Details of ongoing major and medium Irrigation Projects in various*

S.No.	Name of State	States			Major			Medium		
		No. of Project (Nos.)	Latest Estimated Cost. (Rs. in Crores)	Ultimate Irrigation Potential (Thousand hectares)	No. of Project (Nos.)	Latest Estimated Cost. (Rs. in Crores)	Ultimate Irrigation Potential (Thousands hectares)			
1.	Andhra Pradesh	14	9140.31	1947.47	29	500.88	147.53			
2.	Assam	5	429.90	166.48	6	74.18	47.75			
3.	Bihar	16	4202.63	1211.29	23	537.24	105.28			
4.	Goa	1	347.72	46.06	1	40.00	11.20			
5.	Gujarat	9	11308.79	2121.13	30	716.99	161.93			
6.	Haryana	4	944.41	322.00	-	-	-			
7.	Himachal Pradesh	1	143.32	26.54	2	11.37	4.87			
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	1	144.15	67.88	11	112.02	40.16			
9.	Karnataka	13	7277.21	1684.67	18	506.85	98.00			
10.	Kerala	12	1442.14	569.45	22	545.10	126.79			
11.	Madhya Pradesh	19	7834.17	2312.50	34	839.40	239.60			
12.	Maharashtra	39	11554.79	2105.44	53	849.43	262.70			
13.	Mainipur	2	324.64	44.67	2	66.58	11.05			
14.	Meghalaya	-	-	-	1	17.18	16.81			
15.	Orissa	7	4813.19	1094.69	13	606.28	110.32			
16.	Punjab	-	743.54	-	1	2.00	NA			
17.	Rajasthan	8	4560.82	1808.57	7	202.59	51.09			
18.	Tripura	-	-	-	3	105.59	25.52			
19.	Uttar Pradesh	18	6027.71	4923.86	3	55.37	6.68			
20.	West Bengal	3	1695.41	1580.56	21	94.44	48.91			
21.	Tamil Nadu	-	-	-	5	81.89	13.93			
Total :		172	72934.85	22033.26	276	5963.38	1532.12			

Survey for Water Resources in Saurashtra

3551. SHRI RAJENDRASINH RANA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have made analytical geographical survey of Saurashtra region of Gujarat to assess Water Resources;

(b) if so, the salient features of the survey reports;

(c) the watertable level of different districts of Saurashtra;

(d) whether Government have planned to implement conventional methods for long run results in the area of water management and water harnessing; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b) The Central Ground Water Board has completed systematic hydrogeological survey of the entire State including Saurashtra region.

Reappraisal hydrogeological survey has also been carried out over an area of 34,861 square kilometres in six districts of Saurashtra region, namely, Amreli, Bhavnagar, Junagarh, Rajkot and Surendranagar.

(c) Central Ground Water Board monitors the position of ground water levels from 289 observation wells in six districts of Saurashtra. Ground water level in Saurashtra region ranges from less than 2 metres to about 45 metres below land surface. Districtwise range of ground water level below and surface in Saurashtra is given below :

District	Ground Water Level Range in Metres	
	1	2
Amreli	4.08	to 37.50
Bhavnagar	3.14	to 38.15
Jamnagar	3.66	to 23.81